



**Office of the City Clerk  
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**RESOURCE PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(RPAC)**

**CREATED BY:**

Ordinance 10310, August 8, 2006

Ordinance 10507, March 4, 2008

Ordinance 10541, June 10, 2008

\* Ordinance 10570, September 9, 2008

**MEMBERS:**

Thirteen (13) members, who shall serve without compensation.

**QUORUM:**

A quorum shall consist of seven (7) members of the Committee.

**QUALIFICATIONS:**

- Eight (8) members shall be selected, One (1) from each of the following organizations:

(A) Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection

(B) Southern Arizona Home Builders Association

(C) Sonoran Institute

(D) Metropolitan Pima Alliance

(E) Arizona Native Plant Society

(F) Santa Cruz River Alliance

(G) Tucson Association of Realtors

- \* (H) Sierra Club or Audubon Society

These members will serve a 4-year term and may be re-appointed for one additional term of 4 years.

- One (1) Member shall be selected from a non-governmental entity that is a significant landowner within the Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) Planning Area. A significant landowner is a group or individual that owns at least 640 acres of

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contiguous or non-contiguous land. This member will serve a 2 year term and may be re-appointed for three additional terms of 2 years.

- Additionally, Four (4) at-large members shall be selected from non-profit and private sectors representing a balanced range of interests and shall have a professional affiliation with, or expertise in, one or more of the following areas:
  - (A) Natural resource conservation
  - (B) Civil or environmental engineering
  - (C) Environmental planning and resource management
  - (D) Land use planning and development
  - (E) Transportation planning
  - (F) Building and construction
  - (G) Economic development

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- Nine (9) ex officio members may be selected, one (1) from each of the following entities:
  - (1) United States Fish and Wildlife Service
  - (2) Arizona Game and Fish Department
  - (3) Arizona Department of Transportation
  - (4) Pima Association of Governments
  - (5) Pima County
  - (6) Town of Marana
  - (7) Town of Sahuarita
  - (8) Arizona State Land Department
  - \* (9) Oro Valley

### **NOMINATION AND APPOINTMENT:**

Member shall be appointed by Mayor and Council from nominations made by the City Manager.

### **TERMS OF OFFICE:**

- \* The Committee shall elect Co-Chairs from among its membership

Member terms vary by position on this Committee and are detailed under the Qualifications section.

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### **FUNCTIONS:**

The RPAC shall have the following functions, purpose, powers and duties:

- (1) Advise the Mayor and Council on a preferred conservation reserve design alternate and associated implementation measures to comply with Section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act relating to permit requirements and other resource planning duties.
- (2) Provide comments and recommendations to the Mayor and Council on matters relating to long-term protection of wildlife and plant species, habitats, and other important or sensitive natural resource.
- (3) Coordinate and collaborate with government agencies, citizens, community groups, academic institutions, and other entities on matters relating to regional natural resource planning and management.
- (4) Solicit and review recommendations from other City advisory committees regarding natural resource planning and/or management issues.
- (5) Provide specific recommendations to the Mayor and Council on matters relating to a habitat conservation plan (HCP), including but not limited to:
  - (a) the location and configuration of conservation lands, mechanisms for natural resource protection, and management strategies that :
    - (i) meet requirements for compliance with the Endangered Species Act;
    - (ii) provide for the long-term protection of critical or sensitive natural resources within the HCP area;
    - (iii) recognize regional economic objectives, including orderly and efficient development within the HCP area, property rights, and legal and physical land use constraints;
    - (iv) are consistent with the City's General Plan and other City plans and policies; and
    - (v) complement other regional conservation, restoration, and natural resource management plans and efforts.
  - (b) a framework for monitoring and managing conservation lands and for protection of the lands in perpetuity;
  - (c) habitat conservation plan implementation strategies, including funding sources for habitat acquisition, monitoring, and management;
  - (d) the process of maintaining and submitting annual reports to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services in demonstration of the adequate implementation of the HCP; and

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- (e) opportunities for coordinated, multi-jurisdictional conservation efforts.

### **OPEN PUBLIC MEETING LAW REQUIREMENTS:**

This public body is defined as an advisory committee and must comply with all of the provisions of the Open public Meeting Law.

### **SUPPORTING DEPARTMENT:**

Office of Conservation and Sustainable Development- 791-4505

#### *Historical Notes:*

*On March 4, 2008, Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 10507 expanding the voting membership of RPAC by adding two (2) members to the Committee. The new members represent the Tucson Association of Realtors and the Sierra Club.*

*On June 10, 2008, Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 10541 permitting co-chairs to oversee RPAC, rather than requiring a chair and vice chair, and the Town of Oro Valley was added as an ex-officio member of RPAC.*

*On September 9, 2008, Mayor and Council adopted Ordinance 10570 adding flexibility to the regular membership requirements changing item (H) to read "Sierra Club or Audubon Society".*